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TO : GENERAL TAYLOR

Lt Colonel Kalergis
DATE: 21 May 1959

FROM : SGS *CH*

SUBJECT: Retention of Western Military Missions (U)

The attached DCSOFS summary sheet submits for your approval and signature a proposed reply to General Eddleman's letter on retention of Western Military Missions. You will note that the DCSOFS summary sheet recommends, in addition to dispatching the letter to General Eddleman, that General Eddleman's proposals be examined by the Army staff with a view to bringing them to the attention of the Secretary of Defense.

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1 Chief of Staff

1 For Approval

EME Div,
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Lt Col C. T. Baird

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Retention of Western Military
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DISCUSSION

1. (U) Reference: Letter ABAGB, Hq USAREUR, subject: Retention of Western Military Missions, dated 27 April 1959.

2. (U) The purpose of this action is to provide the Chief of Staff with a proposed draft reply to the above reference.

3. (S) a. General Eddleman has indicated his concern regarding the possibility that upon settlement of the current Berlin situation the military liaison missions will be discontinued. He feels that everything possible should be done to prevent the discontinuance of these missions and has recommended that: (Tab A)

(1) The military liaison missions might serve as models for similar missions in other areas.

(2) The size and responsibility of the present missions be increased.

(3) The above proposals be considered by the Army Staff for possible submission to higher authority.

b. The value of these missions has long been recognized, particularly as intelligence gathering agencies. Approximately 90% of the effort of the USMIM is devoted to intelligence activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (S) That General Eddleman's proposals be examined by the Army Staff with a view to bringing them to the attention of the Secretary of Defense.

2. (S) That the Chief of Staff approve the draft letter, Tab B, to General Eddleman which:

a. Informs CINUSAREUR that the Army Staff is examining his proposals.

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b. Requests that he keep the Chief of Staff informed of any formal request or further indications by the Soviets regarding the discontinuance of these missions.

COORDINATION

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1. Tab A, Letter from SINGAPORE
2. Tab B, Proposed reply

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Major General, GS
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U. S. ARMY, EUROPE
Office of the Commander in Chief
APO 403, New York, N. Y.

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27 April 1959

SUBJECT: Retention of Western Military Missions

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Army
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. It is my strong belief that continuance of our Mission in East Germany is a vital necessity and that, if possible, should be done to prevent termination of its activities. In the past few months several Soviet officers, in conversation with US mission members, have expressed belief the missions will be dispensed with after a settlement is made with East Germany. I am including as an inclosure information pertaining to termination of the missions; also, my assessment of the value of the US Mission to USAREUR as a collector of intelligence.

2. In my opinion, the very existence of these military missions, both Soviet and Allied, lends support to the Western position in East-West negotiations on nuclear test bans, armaments, and military activity. The Soviets have consistently objected to "inspection" in these negotiations. Within certain restrictions, however, the Soviet missions in West Germany and allied missions in East Germany have been "observing" each others military activities for years. The military liaison missions, mutually recognized agencies, may therefore serve as models for similar missions in other areas and perhaps bypass Soviet objections to the term "inspection" teams.

3. Finally, I should think that the Soviet's "peaceful coexistence" line could be exploited to our benefit. We might find it expedient to propose increasing the size and responsibilities of the present missions based upon Soviet official statements.

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4. I recommend that these proposals be considered by the Department of the Army staff for possible submission to higher authority.

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C. D. EDDLEMAN
General, United States Army
Commander in Chief

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Inclosure to CINCUSAREUR letter

1. Assessment of Value USMLM to USAREUR

2. Recent Indications of Communist Attitude Toward Future of the Mission

The Soviets apparently attach considerable value to their own missions in West Germany, since they have reacted strongly to restrictions that have been placed on travel by Soviet personnel. In mid-March, during information discussions with members of the US and British missions,

remarked that when the "Berlin matter" was settled, all vestiges of occupation including military missions would disappear. However, on 18 March told a member of the British Mission that in his personal opinion present missions might be changed to military "inspection" teams if a peace treaty with Germany requires such teams. The East German attitude is exemplified by a report that their highest party organ, the SED Politburo,

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missions. On balance, it appears that although the Soviets are aware of the [intelligence collection] activities of Western missions, they also are cognizant of the fact that abolition of the missions would cancel out their capability to confirm information from other sources by use of trained Soviet military mission members. Therefore, there is a possibility the Soviets would be amenable to a proposal for continuation of military liaison missions.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Dear Clyde:

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I am writing in reply to your letter of 27 April regarding the retention of Western Military Missions. ~~The value of these missions is fully recognized here, and I appreciate your concern and firsthand evaluation of their importance at the present time.~~ I am having the Staff examine the matter with a view to bringing to the attention of the Secretary of Defense ~~the importance of these missions~~ and the fact that the Secretary of State should insure that no political agreements or negotiations are completed that might endanger the validity of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement and/or the continuation of the existence of the United States Military Liaison Mission.

Your proposal to increase the size and scope of responsibility of the present missions requires further study, and the Staff, therefore, is pursuing these matters. In the meantime, I would appreciate your keeping me informed of any formal request or further indications by the Soviets with respect to the discontinuance of these missions.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

General Clyde D. Eddleman
Commander in Chief
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, New York, New York

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25 May 1959

Dear Clyde:

I am writing in reply to your letter of 27 April regarding the retention of Western Military Missions. Recognizing the value of these missions, I am having the Staff examine the matter with a view to bringing to the attention of the Secretary of Defense their importance and the fact that the Secretary of State should insure that no political agreements or negotiations are completed that might endanger the validity of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement and/or the continuation of the existence of the United States Military Liaison Mission.

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CC:
Gen Bonesteel
DCSOPS - Gen Moore
ODCSOPS - Lt Col Baird
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Sincerely,

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

General Clyde D. Eddleman
Commander in Chief
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, New York, New York

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SUBJECT: Retention of Western Military Missions

TO: General C. D. Eddleman
Commanding General, U. S. Army Europe
APO 403, New York, New York

1. Your letter of 27 April ~~1952~~ regarding the ~~above subject has~~ been read with interest. ~~As you know,~~ the value of these missions ~~has~~ ~~always been~~ recognized here, and I appreciate your concern and firsthand evaluation of their importance at the present time.

I am having the staff examine the matter with a view to bringing to the attention of the Secretary of Defense the importance of these missions and the fact that the Secretary of State should insure that no political agreements or negotiations are completed that might endanger the validity of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement and/or the continuation of the existence of the United States Military Liaison Mission.

~~2.~~ The utilization of the "peaceful coexistence" line and your proposal to increase the size and scope of responsibility of the present missions requires further study, and ~~we are~~ ^{we will} pursuing these matters. In the meantime, I would appreciate your keeping me informed of any formal request or further indications by the Soviets with respect to the discontinuance of these missions.

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
General, United States Army,
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